

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, Cranston, RI on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Blackburn, Richard, Jackson, Preiss, Pearson, O'Connell, Walker and Jasparro. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Deputy Director Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.**

**APPEAL #070310: Hughes Associates, for the property located at 530 Wellington Avenue, Cranston. ADSFM Glen Bathgate appeared for the Cranston Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of one week from the hearing date to procure the most recent plans for this building. The Applicant is further granted a time variance of ninety days from the hearing date in which to have architectural plans, including but not limited to the new means of egress and exits, delivered to the Cranston Fire Marshal's office. The Applicant is further granted an additional time variance from that delivery date for the Cranston Fire Marshal's office to review and approve the plans. The Applicant is further granted a time variance of sixty months for construction and compliance with the approved plans. The Cranston Fire Marshal's office is authorized to grant the Applicant additional time to comply for good faith efforts shown. The Applicant is further directed to maintain the doors on the third floor unlocked until that floor is brought into compliance. The**

**motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #050865: Mr. John Farrell, for the property located at 311 Buttonwoods Avenue, Warwick. DSFM James Moore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the following relief. The Applicant is allowed to maintain the cited lock on the exit doors in the common corridor. The Applicant is granted a time variance of thirty days to provide plans for the installation of panic hardware on one side of the cited double doors, and an additional sixty days from approval in which to install the panic hardware, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #080051: Mr. Charles Bisette, for the property located at 174 First Avenue, Woonsocket, appearing on behalf of the owner, Mr. Arthur Martin. ADSFM Beaubien appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. It was determined that the facility warranted another inspection, and the Applicant is free to return to the Board if it is determined that relief is still required. No motion was taken at this time.**

**APPEAL #080069: Mr. Craig Lacouture, for the property located at 127 Carrington Avenue, Woonsocket. ADSFM David Beaubien appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to**

grant the Applicant a variance from the provisions of section 9.4.7 provided that the door not be opened when the assembly occupancy is in use. The cited panel doors may be retained, pursuant to the addition of compliant closers. Additionally, the Applicant is granted a time variance of 120 days in which to correct any outstanding deficiencies, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #080067:** Phil Pare & Sons, Inc., for the property located at 672 Main Street, Coventry. ADSFM Dave Godin appeared for the Coventry Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Richard and Jasparro, to allow the Applicant to maintain the cited ramp in its current configuration. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #050936:** Mr. George M. Gordon, for the property located at 136-138 Bellevue Avenue in Newport. ADSFM Brad Cronin appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's office. The Applicant failed to appear.

**APPEAL #060086:** 19 Sherman St. Condo Association, for the property located at 19 Sherman Street in Newport. ADSFM Brad Cronin appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jackson and Pearson, to grant the following relief. First, it was determined that this facility does not require sprinklers, so that deficiency is moot. The Applicant is granted a variance on item #5, there being no

**objection from the Newport Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #070155A: Mr. Brad Rodgers, for the property located at 146 Broadway in Newport. ADSFM Brad Cronin appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to grant the Applicant a time variance of ninety days in which to create a barrier from within the rooms under the stairs and the fire escape by applying double 5/8 inch sheetrock with metal separators, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #050564: Mr. Joseph Piotti, for the property located at 69 Upper College Road, Kingston. DSFM Foley and Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance until December 31, 2008 in which to comply. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #050551: Mr. Edward Tanner, for the property located at 17 Fraternity Circle, Kingston. DSFM James Moore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to grant the following relief. The Applicant is granted a time variance until the commencement of**

**the 2008-2009 academic year in which to replace the cited windows. Alternatively, the Applicant may choose to sprinkle this facility, and if that option is chosen, the Applicant is given a time variance until the commencement of the 2009-2010 academic year in which to complete the sprinkler installation, rather than install the windows in the time frame outlined above. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #080101: DiMare Seafood Marketplace, for the property located at 2706 South County Trail, East Greenwich. ADSFM Susan Hawksley appeared for the East Greenwich Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to grant the Applicant's request for relief, based on structural hardship. The motion was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Marsella**